

**FLATHEAD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

**CALL TO
ORDER**

A meeting of the Flathead County Planning Board was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Marie Hickey-AuClaire, Gordon Cross, Charles Lapp, Mike Mower, Jim Heim, and Bob Keenan. Frank DeKort, Marc Pitman, and Jeff Larsen had excused absences. Andrew Hagemeyer represented the Flathead County Planning & Zoning Office.

There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT
(not related to
agenda items)**

None

**LAKESIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD
PLAN
(FPMA-09-02)**

A request by the Lakeside Neighborhood Plan Committee and the Lakeside Community Council to adopt the updated Lakeside Neighborhood Plan as an element of the Flathead County Growth Policy.

STAFF REPORT

Hagemeyer reviewed Staff Report FPMA-09-02 for the Board.

**BOARD
QUESTIONS**

The board and staff briefly discussed the tally of for and against comments on the plan, the agency comments from Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the fact the neighborhood plan did not implement several policies from the growth policy and issues which had been addressed.

**APPLICANT
PRESENTATION**

Keith Brown, Chair for the Lakeside Community Council, spoke about the diversity of the team who worked on the plan, the petition which had been circulated and how much support the plan had. He said it had been a good process although not without controversy and how the council supported it.

**BOARD
QUESTIONS**

None.

**AGENCY
COMMENTS**

Anne Moran, DNRC, 655 Timberwolf Parkway Suite 2, spoke of the section of land DNRC had within the plan area. They supported the plan and participated in the process. They had specific goals and objectives and the plan accomplished those.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Brent Hall, 197 Lakeside Blvd, spoke in favor of the plan.

Brian Young, 121 Ben Williams Lane, was not in favor of the plan being implemented on his property.

David Greer, Plum Creek, spoke in favor of the plan.

Jim Clark, 128 Hilldale South, was not in favor of the plan as written.

Jim Spalding, 405 Tacklin Creek Rd, spoke in favor of the plan.

Mayre Flowers, Citizens for a Better Flathead, gave handouts to the board members. She spoke on behalf of members that had concerns regarding the plan. They were not in favor of the plan as written.

Sara Stevens, 425 Blacktail Rd, was not in favor of the plan.

Margaret Baird, 500 Conrad Point Rd, wanted a comment clarified regarding being pressured by developers and others for high density.

Lona Santana, Looking East Dr, spoke in support of the plan.

Bruce Young, 266 Stoner Creek Rd, was not in favor of a portion of the plan.

Gary Cockrell, 664 Lutheran Camp Road, spoke in favor of the plan but had one question regarding placement of cabins for the Lutheran Camp.

Marty Wardle, 368 Adams Street, was in favor of the plan.

Mark Unruh, 6232 Hwy 93 S, was not in favor of the plan.

Laurie Stevens, 425 Blacktail Road, was not in favor of the plan.

Rick Dotson, 108 Brass Rd, was opposed to the plan as written.

David Fetveit 1074 High Point Lane, spoke in favor of the plan.

Tina Lerum, 118 Wood Acres Dr, spoke in favor of the plan.

Dennis Haden, 145 Pavilion Hill, was in favor of the plan.

Virginia Gates, 105 Looking East Dr, spoke in favor of the plan.

**APPLICANT
REBUTTAL**

Brown gave the people who did not support the plan an opportunity to hold up their signs. He commented on the equal pressure the committee received from several sides and commended the committee for their work. He said everybody had a voice. He also commented about the density issue raised by Mayre Flowers as being a worst case scenario.

Cross asked for clarification about the Lutheran Camp being able to build cabins and the boundaries not being the same.

Hagemeier and Brown clarified.

John Ulrich, served on the committee. He commented the people not in favor of the plan were divided into two groups; those who wanted no plan at all and those who were opposed to portions of the plan.

**STAFF
REBUTTAL**

Hagemeier said the boundaries were the same as in the original plan and gave a copy of the original resolution to the board.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Cross called a five minute recess.

The board reconvened at 7:25.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

Heim said he had watched the process for three years and supported the plan as written.

Cross asked Heim about the capacity of the Lakeside Sewer system.

Heim clarified.

Cross spoke at length about the section of the plan regarding the future growth of Eagles Crest Subdivision. He was willing to go with the decision the people of the area made.

Lapp commented after he was appointed to the planning board he stopped attending the meetings in Lakeside. He spoke of the implementation part of the plan and felt it wasn't as dense as what was there before.

Mower commented he had watched this plan unfold over the last three years. He felt it was a good plan. He liked the way the density was. In his opinion the plan represented the vast majority of the people in the neighborhood and he supported the plan as written.

Cross and Hagemeyer spoke about the process the plan would go through after it left the planning board.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE
(FPMA-09-02)**

Heim made a motion seconded by Mower to approve the resolution for approval.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION**

None.

**ROLL CALL TO
RECOMMEND
ADOPTION OF
THE PLAN**

On a roll call vote the motion passed 4-2 with Lapp and Keenan dissenting.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Hickey Au-Claire said Committee A would be setting up a meeting.

Cross said Committee B met on September 13th and discussed the B-2 HGr zone. He summarized that meeting. He also said the Kalispell City Planning Office wanted to get together to discuss their annexation policy. The best date for them was Tuesday, October 26th.

Mower spoke about how a small group of people try to implement something which affected people county wide. The board needed to educate themselves on what other communities were doing so they were more informed.

The board decided on October 6th for the first public workshop at 6 pm to discuss B-2 HGr issues. They hoped there would be a possible press release concerning the issue to bring interested people to the workshop.

The board briefly discussed wording in the B-2 HGr application.

The board will meet October 26th with Kalispell to hear about the annexation policy.

On October 20th there will be Growth Policy public comment.

There will be a press release for 10/6 and 10/20 meetings.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm. on a motion by Keenan. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 13, 2010.

Gordon Cross, Chairman

Donna Valade, Recording Secretary

*APPROVED AS **SUBMITTED**/CORRECTED: 10/13/10*